

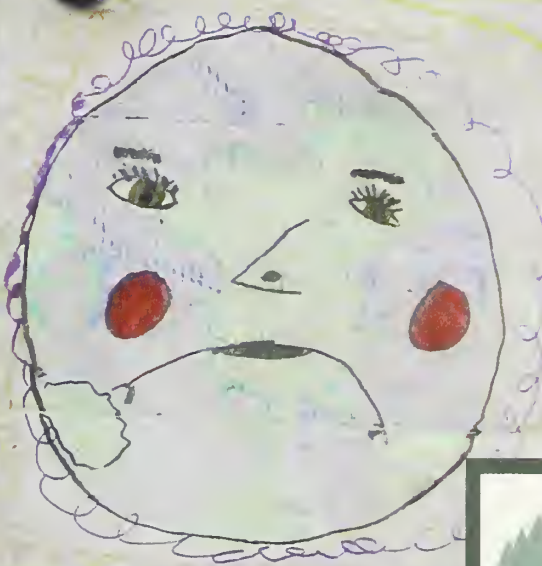
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A Climate for Change

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## KENDALL'S CORNER

# Watch Where You Step

If you think back on all your winters past, you probably have memories of footprints you've made or seen. Maybe the dedicated, careful steps of a hiker in the woods, winding among pine boughs laden with fresh snow. Or the joyous, scattered prints left by a child who has nothing particular to do but celebrate the season. Or the hurried tromp of a commuter who needs to brush off the car after a late-night storm.

At The Trustees, we've been thinking a lot about footprints lately, both literal and figurative, and how to make sure we all tread just a little more lightly.

Footprints operate on a sort of sliding scale. One boot sole landing on a delicate flower or creature that happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time can cause irreparable damage. In the bigger picture, as we look at the notion of carbon footprints, we know our collective

habits and practices can have a negative impact on a similarly delicate, but much more immense, object: our entire atmosphere.

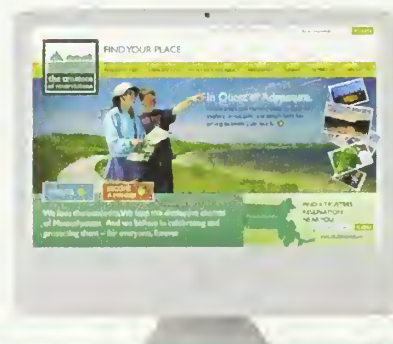
In either case, you can reduce your impact – you just have to be more thoughtful about how you walk. Once you start down this conscious path, you can use your footprints for good, whether that means consuming less energy, being more aware of the wildlife with whom you share the winter woods, or volunteering to maintain a trail that runs through your community.

Here at The Trustees, we've created an ambitious plan with the goal of becoming carbon neutral. And we hope you'll join us along the way, by becoming involved with our work and by making your own changes at home. Just as one footprint can do damage if carelessly placed, thousands of feet marching together can lead to a more sustainable future.

Together, we can make great strides.

Andy Kendall  
PRESIDENT

**ON THE COVER:** Climate activists come in all shapes, sizes, and ages, including this one at Crane Beach on the Crane Estate. © TTOR



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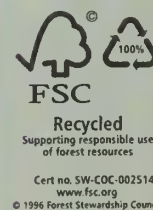
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On October 24, people from 181 countries gathered at more than 5,000 events like this one at World's End in Hingham. They were there to call for strong action and bold leadership on the climate crisis. See photos from around the globe at [350.org](http://350.org).

BY K. GLASS









## The jersey cows at Appleton Farms look innocent enough.

VISIT THEM ON ANY GIVEN DAY, AND you'll find the usual munching of grass, flicking of ears, and occasional gentle moo. But these peaceful creatures harbor a little secret: they're a contributor to climate change.

OK, they're not as harmful as their belching brethren on factory farms, thanks to the agricultural management practiced by The Trustees. But methane does waft from the Appleton herd into the atmosphere, joining greenhouse-gas emissions from vehicles, buildings, farms, and factories worldwide – and quietly altering life as we know it.

Climate change is no longer a “someday” concern. Its effects are already being seen and felt, in the form of extreme weather, migrating species, warming oceans, and declining snow-pack. And the scientific community agrees that if we simply stay the course, we will threaten water resources, crop production, and human health – in short, our very lives.

“The potential damage to the planet, to international civil order, human health and nutrition, species change, and economic activity [is] dramatic,” says Trustees board member Ted Ladd. “No one should be passive about understanding the issue and taking some steps to mitigate impact.”

That's why The Trustees are meeting the issue head on, crafting a plan to reduce their own carbon footprint and to inspire members and others to join the fight.

### It All Started with an Audit

To get a handle on just how many greenhouse gases enter the atmosphere from Trustees properties, operations, and events, the organization conducted a thorough audit. The result: 1,891 metric tons a year. It's an easy figure to remember because of a poetic coincidence: 1891 is the year the organization was founded.

It's not an enormous number by any means. To put it in some context, consider that total U.S. emissions annually are about 7 billion metric tons, with the state of Massachusetts contributing about 22 million of those. Which means 1,891 is, as Planning and Stewardship Director Lisa Vernegaard puts it, “a drop in the bucket.” But when it comes to fighting climate change, every little bit counts.

So The Trustees have devised a comprehensive plan for taking action, from driving less to recycling at events, from strengthening properties to spreading the word. The plan includes three main goals: become carbon neutral, nurture resiliency in the landscape, and inspire people to take action.

It's an ambitious undertaking, but the motivation is clear. As Vernegaard says, “Climate change is already here, and it's poised to undermine all the things we have worked to protect for 118 years.”



## OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT: 1891 METRIC TONS OF CO<sub>2</sub>

TRUSTEES ENERGY AUDIT AUGUST 2008

### I. Emission Possible: Becoming Carbon Neutral

It's a goal embraced by many entities, from college campuses to entire countries: becoming carbon neutral. It doesn't mean emitting no carbon; at its most basic, it means balancing your emissions with a reduction in emissions elsewhere. In the best-case scenario, it also means reducing your emissions as

much as possible – which is exactly what The Trustees intend to do.

A key component of the plan, which aims to achieve neutrality by 2017, is to retrofit many of the organization's 265 buildings to make them more energy efficient. A major overhaul was just completed at the farmhouse at Long Hill in Beverly, including the installation of organic insulation,

soy-based foam insulation, programmable thermostats, and Energy Star appliances. Now three more projects are in the works: renovation of the Old House at Appleton Farms to become a visitor center, which kicked off this past fall; retrofit of a farmhouse into office space for The Trustees at the newly acquired Bullitt Reservation in Conway, which began in November; and an upgrade to the Westport Town Farm, pending approval by the state legislature, planned for the spring. All three should qualify for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

"The greenest building is the building that already exists," says Jim Younger, Trustees Director of Structural Resources and Technology. Younger expects that these updates will improve energy efficiency at the properties by 40 percent. The projects will also demonstrate how easy and cost-effective it can be to make the same types of changes at home. "Visitors can come and see real-world solutions," says Appleton Farms manager Wayne Castonguay. "These are not wild, unreachable things."

#### More steps toward neutrality:

The plan calls for, among other things, converting 25 percent of Trustees vehicles to alternative fuel; reducing mowing and the use of synthetic fertilizers; installing solar arrays on the ranger stations at Wasque Reservation on Martha's Vineyard and Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge on Nantucket, composting food waste at events; and buying green power.

## Climate Change...in Massachusetts?

It may seem vast and invisible, but climate change is already having an effect around the world, and here at home. If left unchecked, it is on track to irrevocably damage the very landscapes that The Trustees exist to protect. Scientists say Massachusetts can expect:

- Flooding of coastal areas that provide homes for 4.8 million people, or 75 percent of the state's population – not to mention critical habitat for species including piping plovers and roseate terns.
- Northward migration and eventual disappearance of trees such as the sugar maple and paper birch, and a surge of invasive species such as kudzu.
- More intense periods of rain and drought, the latter contributing to a 10 to 20 percent increase in the risk of forest fires.
- Increased risk of insect-borne disease including West Nile and Lyme disease.
- Increased algal blooms, which damage fisheries and can be toxic to humans.
- Accelerated pollen production, leading to increased asthma and allergies.

The good news is, swift action can help avoid this Bay State fate. Be part of the solution: See "What You Can Do" on PAGE 6 for ways you can help.



## 2. Dams and Dunes: Nurturing the Resiliency of the Landscape

Maybe you find inspiration in the dunes at Ipswich's Crane Beach, or the birches at Sheffield's Bartholomew's Cobble. Perhaps it's the hint of the past offered by the old cellar holes at the Swift River Reservation in Petersham, or the glimpse of the future in a newly hatched osprey chick on Nantucket. Whatever the attraction, there's something you should know: climate change is putting these and many of the state's other natural and cultural features at risk.

Through 118 years, The Trustees have become synonymous with land protection. But this raft of new threats means simply conserving land isn't enough. In the face of extreme weather, invasive species arriving, and native species being forced out, the organization must work harder than ever to strengthen its 102 properties.

Lisa Vernegaard says the health of a landscape is the key to its chances of surviving the stresses of climate

change. She likens the situation to a flu epidemic: the victims are often made more vulnerable by underlying conditions. With that in mind, Trustees staff and volunteers will be working to strengthen properties by battling invasive species like Japanese barberry and hemlock-attacking woolly adelgid; restoring natural systems; and taking other measures to ensure that the state of the land is strong.

They'll also wield another effective tool, though it's one that requires partners: the creation of landscape-scale corridors that allow species to migrate, while preventing fragmentation of the region's remaining forestland. One such effort began in 2003: together with 27 public and private organizations, The Trustees are working to protect a two million-acre corridor between the Quabbin area in Massachusetts and New Hampshire's Mount Cardigan.

In a sense, none of this work is new – but it does carry a new sense of urgency. “We’re doing what we’ve always been trying to do,” says Vernegaard, “but we’re really ramping up.”

### More steps toward resiliency:

Other steps include restoring natural systems, through projects such as the recent Red Brook dam removal at Lyman Reserve in Plymouth; updating the care and management of gardens and designed landscapes to account for changes including longer growing seasons; and considering climate impacts such as more powerful storms when planning how to maintain structures and cultural features.

## 3. Talk, Show: Inspiring More People to Join the Fight

Climate change is a global issue, yes, but at heart it's a very personal issue. As it progresses, we are seeing not only threats to the land, animals, and plants we hold dear, but to our fellow humans, and to ourselves.

For this reason, a central part of The Trustees' plan is to encourage others to join the climate fight – not just members, but the 1 million people who visit our properties each year, the neighbors who live nearby, the subscribers to our Community Supported Agriculture programs, the

## What You Can Do

Here are a few steps you can take:

- Visit [makemesustainable.com](http://makemesustainable.com) to measure your carbon footprint and pledge to reduce it.
- Follow the progress of our green building projects online at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org). See what we're doing – and what you can apply in your own home.
- Sign up for an energy audit at your home to find out how you can be more efficient – many utility companies cover or subsidize the cost, so check with yours first.
- Make your backyard part of the solution: replace invasive species such as burning bush with natives like high-bush blueberry.
- Buy local food when possible so that you can avoid shipping impacts, protest fossil-fuel-intensive industrial agriculture, and keep your dollars close to home.
- Push your local and national politicians to use their power to make smart climate decisions. If they don't hear from you, they won't know you care.



The greenest building is one that already exists, such as the renovated farmhouse – now office space – at Long Hill, Beverly.

Using a biofuel tractor at Appleton Farm will help The Trustees reduce our carbon emissions.



students whose very futures are at risk.

"Our goal is to influence a much greater circle than just our membership," says Younger. So how will that happen? Through green volunteer opportunities, workshops, tours, signs, stories, programs – in short, through any means possible. And significantly, it will happen in some new, creative ways as well; reaching the broadest possible audience will require veering away from traditional land-conservation rhetoric, says Angela Park of Diversity Matters, who consults with environmental organizations including The Trustees on inclusion and diversity. Park points out that "polar bears and parts per million" don't tug at everyone's heartstrings, and says the most effective climate change rallying cries are "visceral, and deeply connected to people's day-to-day experience."

Searching for new connection points is a challenge The Trustees are prepared to take on – because reversing climate change is an effort that will require all hands on deck. "We need to involve our members, visitors to our reservations, and the people who live

in the towns and cities where we work – even if 10 percent of us change our behavior or take some action, we will far outdo the impact the organization will have on its own," says Vernegaard. "We want to inspire many, many more people to care and to act. It's the principle that drives all our work."

**More steps toward inspiration:**

Among the ideas for mobilizing a new circle of people is creating a high-profile demonstration site in each region; adding interpretive signs at some reservations; hosting climate-related events such as the recent International Day of Climate Action events at Crane Beach and World's End; developing a network of "backyard" stewards; and partnering with other organizations focusing on climate.

For more details on the climate action plan, visit [www.thetrustees.org/climate-action](http://www.thetrustees.org/climate-action)

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## BOSTON FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

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Find details and ticket information at [www.thebostonflowershow.com](http://www.thebostonflowershow.com). Trustees members save \$5 on Adult admission online by entering discount code TTORFS2010.

And, don't miss out on the Flower Show Preview Party on March 23 | 7 – 9PM. Gardens will be at their peak as guests will enjoy the first exclusive viewing of the 2010 show at this elegant cocktail party. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Trustees of Reservations. Go online to learn more!

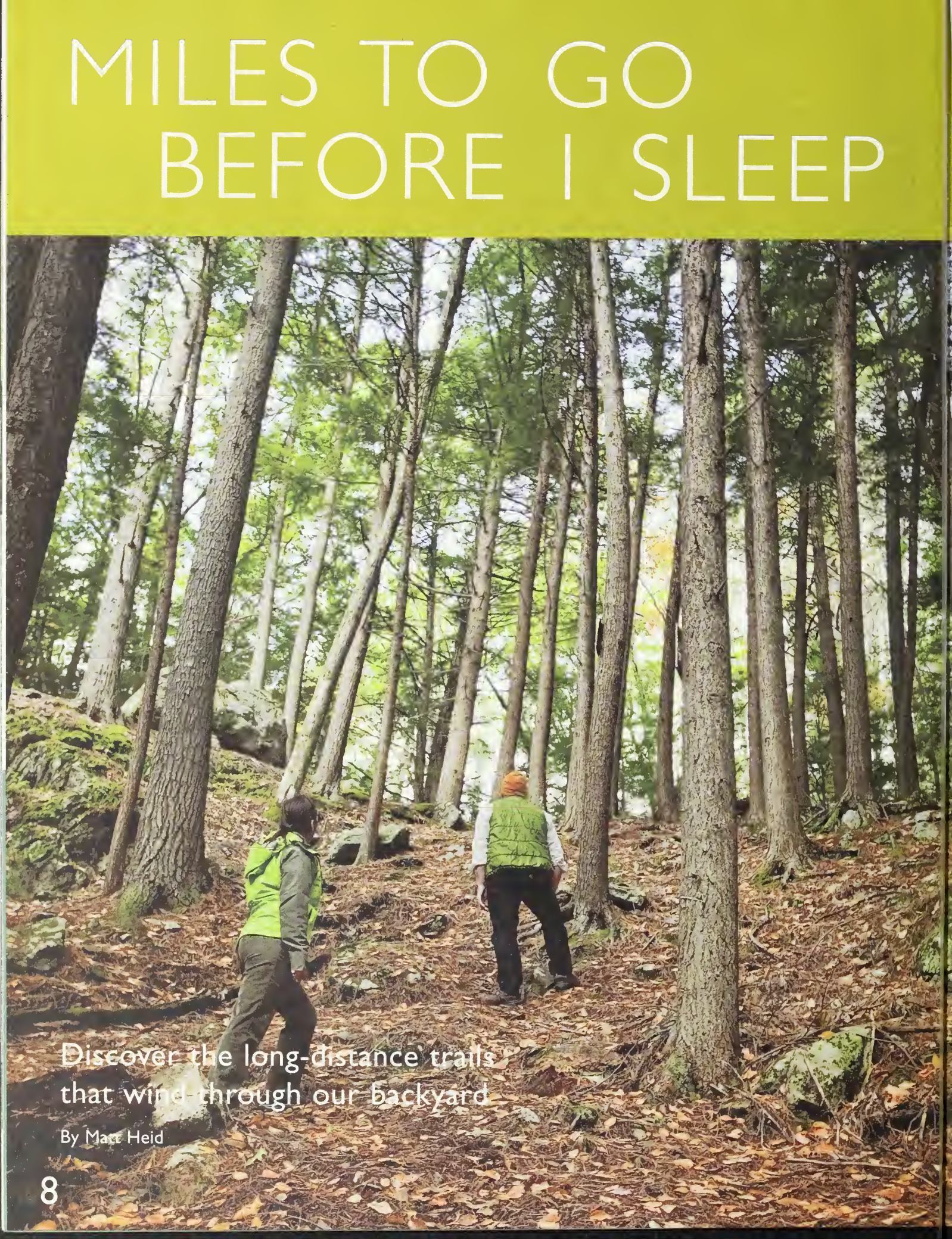
ABOVE: Long Hill, Beverly



Buying local helps reduce your impact. Many communities host weekly farmers markets, like this one in Mattapan where our Powel Farm Agricultural Youth Corps sells produce.



# MILES TO GO BEFORE I SLEEP

A photograph of two hikers walking away from the camera on a forest trail. The hiker on the left is wearing a bright green jacket and dark pants. The hiker on the right is wearing a green vest over a white long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and an orange beanie. They are walking on a path covered in brown leaves and pine needles, surrounded by tall, thin trees with green foliage in the background.

Discover the long-distance trails  
that wind through our backyard

By Marc Heid



Long-distance trails course through the Massachusetts landscape like emerald veins. The Bay Circuit Trail arcs around Boston on a grand 200-mile sweep of adventure. The 114-mile Metacomet-Monadnock Trail and 22-mile Tully Trail pulse through the lush and rolling central hills. In the Berkshires, 90 miles of the Appalachian Trail traverse some of the state's wildest terrain. Together, these extended paths cross more than a dozen Trustees properties, connecting hikers, communities, and caring stewards alike.

## INTO THE GREAT BACKYARD

The Bay Circuit Trail (BCT) is a haven of backyard adventure. It runs through 34 towns and dozens of protected parklands, providing millions of Greater Boston-area residents with ready access to the outdoors. From its southern end in Duxbury, the BCT heads west, then circles north as it winds through the sylvan landscape between I-495 and I-95. After crossing the Massachusetts Turnpike, it slowly curves back east to return to the sea at its northern terminus in Newburyport.

On its journey, the BCT relies on existing paths in various protected areas, including eight Trustees reservations, critical gateways for local residents and visitors alike. Hikers find whispering woods, sweeping hilltops, lush wetlands – and a full spectrum of local plants and animals. “It’s amazing to find this type of peace and contentment available only 24 miles from Boston,” marvels Alan French, chair of the Bay Circuit Alliance.

The Alliance, a nonprofit coalition of more than 50 state and local partners including The Trustees, formed in 1990. The group’s mission: to expand the vision of a Bay Circuit greenway, first conceived in the 1930s as an outer companion

to Boston’s famed Emerald Necklace, into a continuous trail. Today, after almost two decades of volunteer dedication, the trail is nearly complete, with 195 of 200 miles open.

Behind this monumental accomplishment stands a cadre of volunteers who work to maintain, protect, and enhance the corridor. “It’s nice to have the trail,” muses Rita Corey of the Sharon Friends of Conservation, who volunteers time to support the BCT. “It links so many different properties together. They’re beautiful. They’re a haven from the everyday world. The trail really takes people through areas they didn’t know about.”

A few years ago, Corey helped put up the dozens of white markers that today guide visitors along Sharon’s 11-plus miles of the BCT, helping to connect an ever-growing number of residents and visitors to the Massachusetts landscape. BCT organizers hope such ease of access will lead to a passion for the land, and for conserving it. As French says, “To protect land...you have to have people who value using these lands.”

LEFT: The 22-mile Tully Trail runs through three Trustees reservations, including Doane’s Falls, Royalston. BELOW: Together, Denny Nackony, Rita Corey, Greg Meister, and Kurt Buermann worked to mark the Bay Circuit Trail’s course through Sharon.

## Go the distance... or just a few steps

You don’t have to pack for months, or even days, to get a taste of the long-distance trails that run through Massachusetts. Here’s where to find adventures of all sizes at Trustees reservations:

### BAY CIRCUIT TRAIL

Newbury: Old Town Hill  
Hamilton/Ipswich: Appleton Farms  
Andover/North Andover: Ward Reservation  
Concord: The Old Manse  
Sherborn: Rocky Narrows  
Medfield: Medfield Rhododendrons,  
Noon Hill, Shattuck Reservation

### TULLY TRAIL

Royalston: Royalston Falls, Jacobs Hill,  
Doane’s Falls, Tully Lake Campground

### APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Tyringham: Tyringham Cobble







You don't have to start in Georgia to get a taste of the Appalachian Trail. It runs for 90 miles through Massachusetts, including a one-mile stretch through Tyringham Cobble, Tyringham.

## INTO THE WILDS

The state seems to rumple as you head west, into a region of exceptional conservation land nestled in the less populated, ten-town region north of the Quabbin Reservoir. Rocky hilltops dimple a lush and forested landscape of shimmering ponds and chattering waterfalls. More than 90,000 acres of protected parkland can be found in North Quabbin country, and the 22-mile Tully Trail loops through many of its highlights, including three Trustees reservations (SEE SIDEBAR, PAGE 9).

"We're blessed," enthuses Mike Lovell of Orange, Mass. "It's quite the trail system." A Trustees member since 2006, Lovell regularly contributes his time to maintain the Tully Trail and keep it clear of brush, branches, and litter. "It's a special treat to be out in the woods, plus you're doing something to help all kinds of other people. It brightens your thinking about how the whole world works."

Completed in 2001, the Tully Trail begins at Tully Lake Campground, the only Trustees-managed campground. It heads north toward Royalston Falls, where a delicate cascade drops more than 20 feet into an inaccessible grotto. Just beyond, close to the trail's midpoint, stands a free, first-come, first-serve, eight-bunk shelter constructed by Trustees volunteers in 2003.

Here the Tully Trail is joined for 1.4 miles by a portion of the Metacomet-Monadnock (M-M) Trail, which runs for 114 miles from the Connecticut border to the summit of Mount Monadnock in New Hampshire. In March 2009, the Massachusetts portion of trail, along with connected trails in Connecticut, was designated the New England National Scenic Trail, a Congressional recognition of its significance.

With its new designation, the M-M Trail enjoys the same status as that most famous of long-distance paths: the Appalachian Trail (AT). On its journey from Georgia to Maine, the AT traces 90 miles across the Berkshires – including a one-mile stretch through The Trustees' Tyringham Cobble, where a striking hilltop meadow provides sweeping views.

The AT first graced the Cobble in the mid-1980s, when The Trustees worked to reroute the trail away from a nearby road. Trustees volunteers continue to monitor the trail today, and an annual October volunteer workday draws dozens. "I think the AT through Tyringham provides an opportunity for thru-hikers, day hikers, and volunteers to experience the exceptional care we provide our reservations," says Steve McMahon, Berkshires Regional Director. "Personally, it's just a great hike, any time of the year."

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ONE LATE-WINTER MORNING, I WENT IN SEARCH OF BOBCAT LOVE.

The previous day had been sunny, and the night clear and starry. Evidence of last night's wildcatting activities was all about.

Over the years, I've gotten to know a certain tom-bobcat's tracks, and whenever I encounter them, I'll poke along for a spell to see what he's been up to. I always backtrack – follow his trail the way he came, not the way he's going – out of respect for his privacy and his absolute need not to be harassed, frightened, or forced to expend precious energy, especially during late winter's season of potential food shortage and deep snow.

The tom's tracks led me toward his refugia among high cliffs and talus. These seemingly precarious spots are typical south or southwest-facing bedsites, or "lays"; the winter sun provides much-appreciated warmth. My 33 years of field research in northern Vermont has demonstrated the critical importance of these cliff and ledge habitats for bobcats. Massachusetts biologists suspect that affinity for rocky ledges is one reason why these wild felines are common in the central and western parts of the state.

Times are relatively good for bobcats in New England – much better than earlier in the 20th century, when over-hunting, habitat destruction, and a paucity of prey severely limited their numbers. In addition to stricter game laws, bobcats now benefit from access to lower-elevation habitats, thanks to the regrowth and reconnection of countless thousands of acres of forest cover. This reforestation helped other

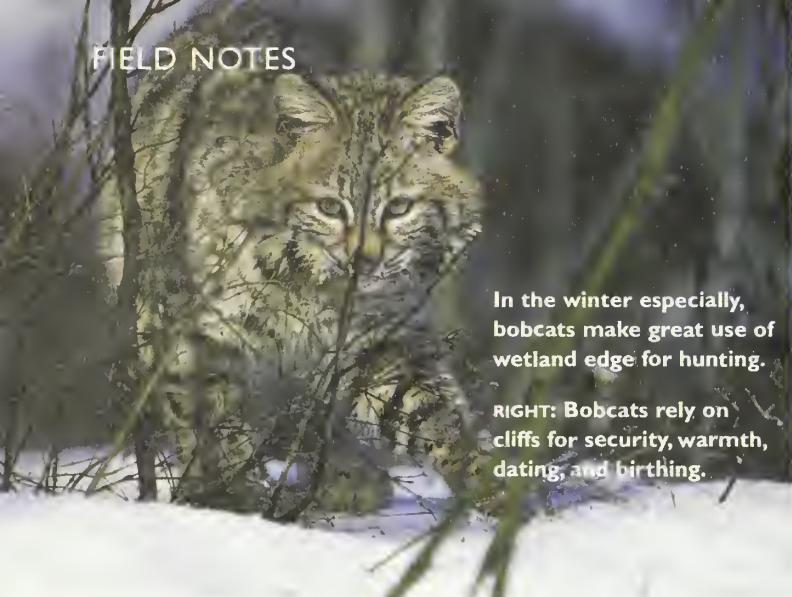
**LEFT:** Here, a bobcat sat for a spell while searching the countryside for prey.

# Bobcat Betrothals

Slow down in the winter woods, and you'll be surprised at what you find.

Story and photographs by Susan C. Morse





In the winter especially, bobcats make great use of wetland edge for hunting.

RIGHT: Bobcats rely on cliffs for security, warmth, dating, and birthing.



species as well, including moose, white-tailed deer, river otter, and fisher. Unfortunately, our forest-cover expansion has come to an end. New housing and busier roads are whittling away at prime lowland habitats and threatening the corridors that link them.

But this tom still has room to prowl. I circled around to the other side of the bony ridge to pick up his trail. The tracks showed that, at sundown, the napping cat had abandoned his bed and headed out for a date and possibly a nice meal in the forest below. Along

the way, the sometimes-hurrying tom frequently paused beside rotten stumps or conifer boughs. If you kneel down at such places and sniff the surface facing the hindfoot tracks, you'll detect the distinctive odor of cat urine: "Elixir de kitty!"

Farther along, the tom had created a "scrape." Often under a protective rock overhang, bobcats of both sexes will use their hind feet to scratch the ground and create a pile of absorbent leaves, evergreen needles, soil, and sometimes snow. They anoint the pile

with secretions from glands located between the toes, and sometimes feces and urine. The tom's scratch was a sort of personal ad, conveying his identity, location in time and space, and social and sexual status.

Three hours and nearly four miles after I started, I decided to backtrack an older set of female tracks, hoping they would lead me to where I'd begun. This cat's smaller feet, shorter strides, and relatively infrequent scent-marking provided clues regarding her gender, but her behaviors were the most



## Make tracks this winter

As you explore the outdoors this winter, keep an eye out for tracks and other signs of local wildlife. The clues you find will help give you a deeper understanding of the landscape. Here are four tips to help novice and expert alike:

- **GO WHERE THE ANIMALS GO.** Your ability to discover tracks and signs of even the most cryptic species will be dramatically enhanced if you search along "game trails." These preferred routes of travel are predictably found along ridge-lines, beside wetland and field-edge habitats, and alongside streams and rivers.
- **FIND THE FOOD.** Wildlife sign is more abundant near habitats that provide an abundance of food. For example, find the specific habitats that offer each season's bounty of seeds, fruits, and nutmeats. For predator sign, look for habitats that support an abundance and diversity of prey species.





revealing. She was more focused on hunting than reproduction, slinking from cover to cover, tree to stump to rock. In contrast to the tom's destination-driven, swaggering trail, the female was cryptic and careful. Her *modus operandi* was to carefully conserve energy by gracefully walking above the deep snow, along fallen logs and skinny branches.

No date for these two cats, but there's always another day. And their respective journeys remind us: Like so many species in our winter woods, the bobcat

is quintessentially wild, yet wonderfully near us. Wild animals travel, nap, hunt, and find mates in a vast matrix of habitats that must be conserved if they are to survive. Walk along a backtrail for the day, and you'll get the picture – it's the big picture.

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As Trustees, we all share the responsibility of caring for the places and experiences that make this the place we want to call home. Massachusetts is ours to love and care for, and, in these challenging times, we must be more committed than ever to defending it.

Your support is critical. And this year, thanks to an incredible challenge by our Board of Directors, your new or increased gift can go twice as far towards making a difference for Massachusetts.

- If you were not able to make a gift last year, we urge you to consider a gift now. Your gift, large or small, will be matched by our Board dollar for dollar, doubling its impact.
- If you were able to give last year, please renew your support and consider adding to what you gave last year. Our Board will match every dollar of your additional gift.

Every gift matters! Thank you for making a difference.



- **REMEMBER THAT "FEET MAKE TRACKS."** Study the specific physical characteristics of each species' front and hind feet, then look for those features while identifying tracks. Your accuracy will be considerably improved.
- **DON'T JUST LOOK ON THE GROUND!** Wildlife scent-marking sign is easy to find on trees, shrubs, and ledge overhangs if one takes the time to study marking behaviors and media that are very predictable and unique to each species. Our mantra at Keeping Track is, "Half of tracking is knowing where to look – the other half is looking."

LEFT: A Keeping Track class in the snow – you can even find animal signs in a blizzard!



# Winter Events

DECEMBER 2009 – MARCH 2010

This winter, get out and explore the frosty landscape with The Trustees. Find traces of winter wildlife, learn to snowshoe, celebrate the holidays, learn how to make your garden grow, and much more. There's so much to do with The Trustees this winter! For details on all of our event and volunteer opportunities – and to sign up for our monthly newsletter – go to [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).



## BERKSHIRES



**Walking & Writing the Winter Landscape**  
Sundays, January 3, February 7, March 7  
1 – 3PM

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD  
413.298.3239 x3003

FREE with admission. Please pre-register.

**Stories from Nature's Garden**  
Second Saturdays, Monthly through June 12  
11AM – 12NOON

LEE LIBRARY, LEE 413.243.0385

For children ages 5 & under with caregivers and siblings. FREE.

**Geminids Meteor Shower Watch**  
Saturday, December 12 | 7 – 8:30PM

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD  
413.229.8600

FREE with admission. Please pre-register.

**Winter Walk for Children**

Sunday, December 13 | 1 – 3PM  
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD  
413.229.8600

FREE with admission. Snowshoes available in adult and child sizes. Please pre-register.

**Big Bear Rising: Solstice Sunset Hike & Campfire**  
Saturday, December 19 | 3:30 – 5:30PM

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD  
413.229.8600

FREE with admission. Snowshoes available in adult and child sizes. Please pre-register.

**Walk the World of Winter with a Naturalist Guide**

Saturdays, January 9, January 23, February 20 | 10AM – 12NOON  
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD  
413.229.8600

FREE with admission. Snowshoes available in adult and child sizes. Please pre-register.

**Winter Wildlife Day at Field Farm**

Sunday, January 31 | 1 – 3PM  
FIELD FARM, WILLIAMSTOWN 413.298.3239 x3000  
FREE. Snowshoes available in adult and child sizes by advance reservation.

**Over the Meadow: Guided Trek**  
Saturday, February 27 | 10AM – 12NOON

MOUNTAIN MEADOW, POWNAL, VT  
413.298.3239 x3000  
FREE.

**Traces of Slavery: Colonel Ashley's Papers**

Sunday, February 28 | 2 – 3:30PM  
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD  
413.229.3239 x3013

FREE with admission. Please pre-register.

**Winter Wildlife & Landscapes Speaker Series**

Selected evenings  
BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD  
413.229.8600

FREE. Donations welcome. See [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) for details.

## PIONEER VALLEY



**Family Snowshoe Stroll**

Saturday, December 19 | 1 – 2:30PM  
LAND OF PROVIDENCE RESERVATION, HOLYOKE  
Snowshoe rentals available (\$10/pair) or bring your own. Call to pre-register and for shoe rental. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$10 donation requested.

**Sneak Peak: Snowshoe Trek & Track**  
Sunday, January 10 | 1 – 4PM

LITTLE TOM RESERVATION, HOLYOKE  
413.532.1631 x10

Snowshoe rentals available (\$10/pair) or bring your own. Call to pre-register and for shoe rental. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$10 donation requested.

**Climate Change and Your Land: What Can You Do?**

PART 1: CARBON AND FOREST SEQUESTRATION  
Tuesday, January 26 (Snow Date: January 27)  
7 – 9PM

BUCKLAND SHELburne COMMUNITY CENTER, SHELburne FALLS 413.268.8219  
FREE. Pre-registration required.

**Post-Ground Hog Day Celebration: Children's Winter Adventure (Ages 6 – 11)**

Saturday, February 6 | 2 – 4PM  
PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MILLER'S FOREST TRACT, MONSON 413.532.1631 x10  
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$10 donation requested. Please pre-register.



# Ski & Snowshoe at Notchview

WINDSOR 413.684.0148

## 2009-10 WINTER RATES

	WEEKDAYS	WEEKENDS
Members (Individual, Family, & Contributing Levels)	FREE	Adult \$10, Child \$5 (12-17, \$10) *For more information, call the Trustees at 413.684.0148 or visit our website at www.thetrustees.org
Nonmembers	Full Day: Adult \$11, Child \$5 (12-17) \$3 1/2 Day (M-F 2PM): Adult \$7, Child \$2	Full Day: Adult \$11, Child \$5 (12-17) \$3 1/2 Day (M-F 2PM): Adult \$7, Child \$2

Scheduled groups of 10+

Call for discounted rates

Call for discounted rates

MEMBERS AT A CONTRIBUTING LEVEL OR ABOVE SKI FREE EVERY DAY

When the snow flies at Notchview in Windsor, cross-country skiers and snowshoers gambol across its 40 km of terrain like snowshoe hares. Be sure to hit the trail early so you have time to enjoy hot chocolate and good company at the Budd Visitor Center. For more information call 413.684.0148.

### Bill Koch Youth Ski League (Ages 5 – 13)

Winter Sundays | 2 – 4 PM

Register at [www.skireg.com](http://www.skireg.com) or call us for info.

### Berkshire Trails Nordic Race Series

CRITERION FORMAT, CLASSICAL TECHNIQUE

Saturday, December 19 | 9 AM START

Other dates to be announced, pending weather and other race dates.

### Bread 'n Jam classic

Saturday, March 6 | 9 AM START

Trustees members: \$10; Berkshire Trails members: \$10. Dual membership: FREE. Nonmembers: \$20.

### Women's Nordic Ski Clinics

DATE/TIME BY ARRANGEMENT

Limit of 8 women per clinic. Arrange your lesson with Jeanne Mangan: 413.634.2123. Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$50.

### Winter Trails Day

Saturday, January 9 | 10 AM – 3 PM

Regular trail fees apply. Get details at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

### Moonlight Skiing and Poetry at Notchview

Thursday, January 28 | 7 – 9 PM

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$10, Child \$2

### Moonlight Skiing and S'mores at Notchview

Friday, February 26 | 7 – 9 PM

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$10, Child \$2. Please pre-register.

### Snowshoe Hike

Sunday, February 7 | 1 – 3 PM

FREE with membership or \$10 paid admission.

### Winter Olympics 2-for-1 day

Sunday, February 21 | ALL DAY

2-for-1 all day with half-price snowshoe rentals.

### Notchview Brown Bag Lunch Series

Take a break from skiing and enjoy a short free talk about Notchview while you eat your lunch. Dates and details at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

### Grooming at Notchview

Sunday, January 24 | 12:30 – 1 PM

FREE.

### Notchview History

Sunday, February 21 | 12:30 – 1 PM

FREE.

### Berkshire League High School Races\*

(For: high school racers) Dates TBD

Regular league meet. Trails and lodge clear by 12 NOON.

\*SPECIAL SKI RACES: These races are held at Notchview by other groups. During the race the public is allowed to ski on the non-race portion of the trail system. Trails are clear by 12 NOON.

# Volunteer

When you volunteer with The Trustees, you're not only helping us care for special places across the state, you're making a difference to your community and to your neighbors. So get out and get involved.

## PIONEER VALLEY

### March Madness: Spring Stewardship

Saturday, March 13 | 1 – 3 PM (RAIN CANCELS)

DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS RESERVATION, HOLYOKE 413.532.1631 x10

Pre-registration preferred. FREE.

## NORTHEAST

### Conservation Crewhands

(Ages 14 – 16) February School Vacation

Opportunities available at Ravenswood,

Gloucester (978.281.8480), and the Crane Estate, Ipswich (978.921.1944 x4005). Call for details.

### Cape Ann Conservation

Education Programs

Variety of time-shifts and opportunities

RAVENSWOOD, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

### The Flower Project

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 x4018

Volunteers needed to help plan, design, and implement a new pick-your-own flower initiative.

### Martin Luther King Day –

A Day of Conservation

Service at the Crane Estate

Monday, January 18 | 9 AM – 1 PM

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978.921.1944 x4005

Please pre-register by calling 978.921.1944 x4005 or emailing [sbsurky@ttor.org](mailto:sbsurky@ttor.org).

## SOUTHEAST

### Nest Box Building

Saturday, February 27 | 1 – 3 PM

WATUPPA RESERVATION HEADQUARTERS,

2929 BLOSSOM ROAD FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

### Bluebird Monitor Training

March 7 | 1 – 3 PM

LOCATION TBD 508.679.2115 x11

FREE Call for details.

Find more volunteer opportunities online at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).





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## 20th Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

**Saturday, March 27 | 8AM – 4PM**

WORCESTER TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL  
WORCESTER 978.840.4446 X1905, [PCI@TTOR.ORG](mailto:PCI@TTOR.ORG)  
[WWW.MASSCONSERVATION.ORG](http://WWW.MASSCONSERVATION.ORG)

Learn the nuts and bolts of conserving land for everyone, forever. Join novice and lifelong conservationists for a wide array of workshops on the legal, financial, political and social realities of land conservation. This conference can sell out, so be sure to register early. Co-sponsored by The Trustees and Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition. Please pre-register \$42.

## GREATER BOSTON

Including Boston Natural  
Areas Network (BNAN)

### "Summer in the Valley"

#### Photo Exhibition

Throughout January  
DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Green Dogs Hound Hike

**First Saturdays, January 2, February 6,**

**March 6 | 8 – 9:30AM OR 1:30 – 3PM**

ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD 508.785.0339

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$4. FREE Green  
Dog Day Pass. Pre-registration is required.

### Ecosplorations: Winter Edition

**Ages 5 – 6: Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26,**

**February 2 | 3:30 – 5PM**

**Ages 7 – 10: Wednesdays, January 6, 13,**

**20, 27, February 3 | 3:30 – 5PM**

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Space limited. Please pre-register. Members: \$40.  
Nonmembers: \$55.

### Snowflakes: Winter Preschool Outings (Ages 2 – 5)

**Wednesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27**

**10 – 11AM**

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Space limited. Please pre-register. Members: \$32.  
Nonmembers: \$44.

### Hike of the Month Club

**Fourth Sundays, January 24, February 28,  
March 28 | 1 – 3PM**

LOCATIONS VARY, CHARLES RIVER VALLEY

508.785.0339

FREE. Volunteers welcome.

### Cedariver Sledding

**Saturday, February 6 | 9AM – 2PM**

CEDAR RIVER, MILLIS 508.785.0339

FREE (donations welcome).

### February Vacation Nature Program (Ages 6 – 9)

**Tuesday, February 16 through Thursday,  
February 18 | 9AM – 12NOON**

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Please pre-register. Members: \$75.

Nonmembers: \$90.

## CENTRAL REGION

### Winter Adventures at Rock House

**Saturday, January 9 | 10AM – 2PM**

ROCK HOUSE RESERVATION, WEST BROOKFIELD

978.840.4446 x1900

FREE.

### Winter Campout at Tully

**Saturday – Sunday, January 30 – 31**

TULLY LAKE CAMPGROUND, ROYALSTON

978.248.9455

Members: \$15/person. Nonmembers: \$20/person.

### Winter Walkabout

**Saturday, February 13 | 1 – 3PM**

DOYLE RESERVATION, LEOMINSTER

978.840.4446 x1900

FREE.

### To Build a Fire

**Saturday, February 27 | 1 – 4PM**

BROOKS WOODLAND PRESERVE, PETERSHAM

978.248.9455

FREE.

### Springtime Meander

**Sunday, March 21 | 1 – 3PM**

DOYLE RESERVATION, LEOMINSTER

978.840.4446 x1900

FREE.

## The Old Manse

269 MONUMENT AVENUE, CONCORD

978.369.3909, [OLDMANSE@TTOR.ORG](mailto:OLDMANSE@TTOR.ORG)

Join us this winter at the Old Manse in Concord for a tour, a special event, or simply to check off your gift list with goods from our gift shop.

### New! Winter House & Attic Tours

**Weekends in December, January, February,**

**March | 12NOON – 5PM**

Call for admission prices.

### Abolitionist and Anti-Slavery Month

**Selected dates in January**

Learn how Concord and the Transcendentalists  
influenced the fight for freedom.

### Festive Season at the Manse

#### 1820s Holiday Tour

**Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13**

**1PM, 3PM, 5PM**

Members: \$10. Nonmembers: \$12.

#### Grand Holiday Sale at

**Old Manse Bookstore**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13,**

**19 & 20 | 12NOON – 5PM**

#### Boxing Day Sale with British

**Goods and Foodstuffs**

**Saturday & Sunday, December 26 & 27**

**12NOON – 5PM**

### Wooing and Weddings Month

**Selected dates in February**

Explore the Romantics and Romance at  
the Old Manse with Nathaniel and Sophia  
Hawthorne and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

### Women's History Month

**Selected dates in March**

Come and meet Margaret Fuller, and other  
influential and unknown women, who helped make  
the Old Manse the home of America's 18th- and  
19th-century political and literary revolutions.

*Call 978.369.3909 for programmatic details and times.  
The Old Manse is also open Monday through Friday  
for pre-booked tours.*



### Cabin Fever Festival

**Saturday, March 13 | 10AM – 2PM**

ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD 508.785.0339

Members: Adult \$2. Nonmembers: Adult \$6;

Children 12 and under FREE. Bring snowshoes if there's snow or call to rent.

### 35th Annual Gardeners Gathering

**Saturday, March 20 | 11AM – 5PM**

CURRY STUDENT CENTER

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON

Visit [www.bostonnatural.org](http://www.bostonnatural.org) for more info.

## NORTHEAST REGION

### Cape Ann Education Program

GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Pre-register for programs by calling 978.281.8400 or emailing [capeanneducator@ttor.org](mailto:capeanneducator@ttor.org).

#### Solstice Stroll

**Saturday, December 19 | 4 – 6PM**

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Members FREE. Nonmembers \$5.

#### Beginning Winter Birding

**Third Sundays, January 17, February 21, & March 21 | 8 – 10AM**

HALIBUT POINT RESERVATION, ROCKPORT

978.281.8400

FREE.

#### Creature Feature

**Saturdays, January 23, February 20, March 20 | 5:30 – 7PM**

CAPE ANN DISCOVERY CENTER

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Pre-registration required. Members: Adult \$4.

Nonmembers: Adult \$5. All children FREE.

**January:** Barred owls, followed by a night-time owl prowls in the Park.

**February:** Nocturnal Animals, followed by a night-time family hike.

**March:** Amphibians, followed by a night visit to an active vernal pool.

### X-C Ski Ravenswood's Carriage Paths

**Saturday, February 6 | 1 – 3PM**

CAPE ANN DISCOVERY CENTER

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Pre-registration required. Bring your own skis.

Members FREE. Nonmembers \$5.



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### Ward Winter Fun Day

**Sunday, February 14 | 12NOON – 3PM**

WARD RESERVATION, ANDOVER 978.682.3580

Go sledding, snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing, then enjoy refreshments and a warming fire.

#### Ice Age Trail

**Saturday, February 13 | 1 – 3PM**

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Please preregister. Members: FREE.

Nonmembers: \$5.

#### Snowflake Shapes & Science

**Wednesday, February 17 | 1 – 3PM**

CAPE ANN DISCOVERY CENTER

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Recommended for families. Pre-registration

required. Members: Adult \$4. Nonmembers:

Adult \$5. All children FREE.

#### Hermit's Tales on the Trails

**Tuesday, February 16 and/or Thursday, February 18 | 1 – 3PM**

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Recommended for families. Pre-registration

required. Members: Adult \$4. Nonmembers:

Adult \$5. All children FREE.

### Winter Wonders Pre-K Club (Ages 3 – 5)

**Thursdays, February 25 & March 4**

**11AM – 12NOON**

COOLIDGE RESERVATION, MANCHESTER

978.281.8400

Pre-registration required. Members: Adult \$4.

Nonmembers: Adult \$5. All children FREE.

#### March Meander

**Saturday, March 20 | 1 – 3PM**

RAVENSWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER 978.281.8400

Pre-registration required. Members: Adult \$4.

Nonmembers: Adult \$5.

## The Long Hill Horticultural Center

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978.921.1944 x4018

Please pre-register for Horticultural Center programs by calling 978.921.1944 x4018, emailing [bzschau@ttor.org](mailto:bzschau@ttor.org), or registering online at [www.thetrustees.org/longhill](http://www.thetrustees.org/longhill).

### WINTER LECTURE SERIES

#### Gardening for the 21st Century: The Sustainable Landscape

**Tuesday, January 26 | 7 – 8:30PM**

Refreshments served at 6:30PM.

Members: \$15. Nonmembers: \$20.

#### Your Garden Will Look Different in 20 Years: Gardening in the Face of Climate Change

**Tuesday, February 9 | 7 – 9PM**

A lecture by Scott LaFleur. Refreshments served at 6:30PM. Members: \$10.

Nonmembers: \$15.

#### Art and the Gardener: Taking a Fresh Look at Your Garden through Art

**Thursday, February 25 | 7 – 9PM**

A lecture by Gordon Hayward.

Refreshments served at 6:30PM.

Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$25.

### WINTER WORKSHOP SERIES

#### Winter Garden Photography Workshop: From Snapshot to Art Shot

**Saturday, January 30 | 10AM – 12NOON**

Limited to 20 adults, so register early!

Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$25

#### Spring Pruning: A Hands-On Workshop

**Saturday, March 6 | 10AM – 12NOON**

Members: \$28. Nonmembers: \$35.

## Andover/North Andover

### Weir Hill Moonlight Hike

**Saturday, January 30 | 8 – 9:30PM**

WEIR HILL, NORTH ANDOVER 978.682.3580

Meeting spot: Main entrance Stevens Street.

Limit 25 people. All children under 16: FREE.

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.



## Appleton Farms

IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978.356.5728 x15

**The Farm Nisse of Appleton Farms**  
Friday, December 18 | 3:30 – 5PM  
FREE. Member event. Friends welcome. Please RSVP.

**The Farm Field School in Winter**  
Farm Field School winter workshops introduce all ages to winter happenings on the farm. Members: \$8. Nonmembers: \$10. Minimum recommended age for all programs is 6 (16 without adult). Please pre-register by calling 978.356.5728 x15 or emailing [hhannaway@ttor.org](mailto:hhannaway@ttor.org).

### FOR ALL AGES

#### Owl Moon

Thursday, January 28 | 5:30 – 7PM

#### Tracking & Animal Signs

Wednesday, February 17

10AM – 12NOON

#### Cows in their Winter Home

Thursdays, February 18, March 18

3 – 5PM

Please pre-register.

#### Sugar Maple 101

Wednesday, March 16 | 3:30 – 5PM

### FOR CHILDREN

#### Mini-Moo's

Tuesdays, February 9, March 9

3:30 – 4:30PM

Fee includes adult and child. Please pre-register.

## SOUTHEAST REGION

### Winter Wonderland Walk

Saturday, January 16 | 10AM

WATTUPPA RESERVATION HEADQUARTERS,  
2929 BLOSSOM ROAD, FALL RIVER S08.679.2115 x11  
FREE.

### Slocum's River Long Walk

Sunday, February 7 | 1 – 4PM

SLOCUM'S RIVER RESERVE, DARTMOUTH  
S08.679.2115 x11  
FREE.

### Animal Tracking

Saturday, February 13 | 9 – 11AM

MILLER BROOK CONSERVATION AREA,  
COPICUT ROAD, FALL RIVER S08.679.2115 x11  
FREE.

### Woodcock Wanderings

Saturday, March 27 | 7 – 8PM

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE,  
FALL RIVER S08.679.2115 x11  
FREE.

### Salamander Soirée

TBD | 7:30 – 9PM

FREETOWN FALL RIVER STATE FOREST  
HEADQUARTERS, SLAB BRIDGE ROAD,  
ASSONET S08.679.2115 x11  
FREE.

## CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

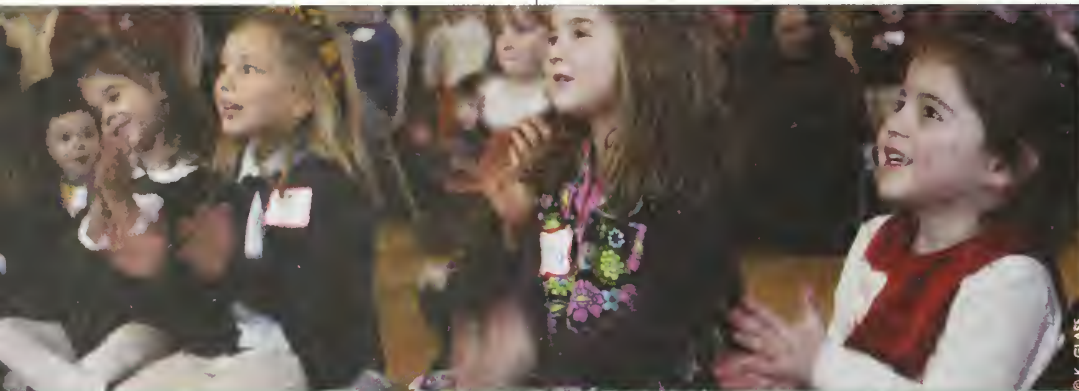
### Saving Special Places Walking Series Throughout the Winter

Check [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) or call  
508.693.7662 for locations, dates, and times.  
Pre-registration required, space is limited.  
Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$10.

## Volunteer

### Seabird Ecological Assessment Network (SEANET) Birding Monitors

One date each month; times vary  
(3-hour duration via oversand vehicle)  
CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE  
CHAPPAQUIDDICK S08.693.7662



## The Crane Estate

IPSWICH 978.921.1944 x4005

### Holiday Choral Concert

Sunday, December 13 | 3PM

Members: \$20, Nonmembers: \$25.

Pre-registration recommended at  
[www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) or 978.356.4351.

### Holiday Children's Parties

Wednesday, December 16 &

Thursday, December 17 | 3:30 – 5PM

Members: \$18 per child. Nonmembers: \$22  
per child. Accompanying caregivers FREE.

Pre-registration required at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org)  
or 978.356.4351.

### Natural History and Great Marsh Ecology Lecture Series

February/March

Visit [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) for confirmed  
speakers, dates, and times.

### WinterQuest Series 2009

The Crane Estate is so much more than the beach! The winter is a whole new adventure for all ages. Please pre-register for these events by calling 978.921.1944 x4005.

### In Search of the Snowy Owl

Sunday, February 7 | 1 – 4PM

Space is limited. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.

### Castle Hills and Halls in Winter

January 31, February 28, March 28

2 – 4PM

Members: \$4. Nonmembers: \$5.

### WinterQuest for Kids

(Ages 8 – 12)

Tuesday, February 16 and/or Thursday,

February 18 | 3 – 5PM

Please pre-register. Space is limited. Bring your  
own sled. Members/SummerQuest campers: \$5.  
Nonmembers: \$10.





# REI OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Notchview, Windsor

Learn something new and enjoy your favorite Trustees reservation at the same time on these special REI Outdoor School programs. For more information, visit [www.thetrustees.org/REI](http://www.thetrustees.org/REI).

**Introduction to Snowshoeing**  
REI Members \$55; Nonmembers \$75

**Saturday, January 23 | 9AM – 3PM**  
**Saturday, February 27 | 9AM – 3PM**  
ROCKY WOODS – Participants meet at Framingham REI

**Saturday, February 6 | 9AM – 3PM**  
APPLETON FARMS – Participants meet at Reading REI

**Family Snowshoeing**  
REI Members \$30, Child \$15;  
Nonmembers \$50, Child \$25

**Saturday, February 20 | 10AM – 2PM**  
WEIR RIVER FARM – Participants meet at Weir River Farm

**Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing**  
REI Members \$55; Nonmembers \$75

**Saturday, January 16 | 9AM – 3PM**  
**Saturday, March 6 | 9AM – 3PM**  
APPLETON FARMS – Participants meet at Reading REI

**Cross Country Ski Touring**  
REI Members \$65; Nonmembers \$85

**Saturday, February 20 | 9AM – 3PM**  
NOTCHVIEW – Participants meet at Framingham REI

**Saturday, March 13 | 9:30AM – 2:30PM**  
NOTCHVIEW – Participants meet at Notchview

**Essential Winter Camping Skills**  
REI Members \$40; Nonmembers \$60

**Saturday, January 16 | 9AM – 3PM**  
ROCKY WOODS – Participants meet at Boston REI

**Introduction to GPS Navigation**  
REI Members \$45; Nonmembers \$65

**Saturday, March 27 | 9AM – 3PM**  
WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS AND  
TURKEY HILL – Participants meet at  
Whitney and Thayer Woods

**Digital Camera Field Trip**  
REI Members \$50; Nonmembers \$70

**Saturday, January 16 | 9AM – 3PM**  
APPLETON FARMS – Participants meet at Appleton Farms

**Introduction to Map and Compass**  
REI Members \$45; Nonmembers \$65

**Saturday, February 6 | 9AM – 3PM**  
ROCKY WOODS – Participants meet at Rocky Woods

**Saturday, March 13 | 9AM – 3PM**  
ROCKY WOODS – Participants meet at Boston REI

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**FIELD FARM**

554 Sloan Road, Williamstown  
tel 413.458.3135

[www.guesthouseatfieldfarm.org](http://www.guesthouseatfieldfarm.org)









# FIND YOUR PLACE

Swift River Reserve, Petersham

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...and speaking up for the places that can't speak for themselves along Massachusetts' South Coast, such as beautiful Slocum's River Reserve in Dartmouth.

— JOAN BULLARD, THE TRUSTEES' 2009 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, STANDING AMID THE OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBIT OF THE RIVER PROJECT AT SLOCUM'S RIVER RESERVE, ON DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 13, 2010.



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Together with our neighbors, we protect the distinct character of our communities and inspire a commitment to special places. Our passion is to share with everyone the irreplaceable natural and cultural treasures we care for.